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Mr. J. L. McDaniel, Chief Executive Officer
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 588
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Dear Mr. McDaniel:

The Pleading which you filed on behalf of Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has been duly received and assigned Docket No. 2004-110-C.

In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish, at your own expense, on or before **May 10, 2004**, the enclosed Notice, in newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before **May 18, 2004**.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce F. Duke
Executive Director

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Enclosure

FARMERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REQUESTS APPROVAL OF NEW DEPRECIATION RATES FOR CERTAIN CENTRAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative or Applicant) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for approval of accelerated depreciation rates for a portion of its EWSD Central Office Switches. The Cooperative requests a depreciation rate of 25% for its net plant investment. The Cooperative also requested that the proposed depreciation rate become effective July 1, 2004. As part of its Application, Farmers Telephone Cooperative states that the approval of the proposed depreciation rate will not cause an increase in subscriber rates now or in the future.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through Mr. J. L. McDaniel, Chief Executive Officer, Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 1101 E. Main Street, PO Box 588, Kingstree, SC 29556.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing, if scheduled, should notify Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director, at the address below, and Mr. J. L. McDaniel, at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before **May 25, 2004**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-110-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **May 25, 2004**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-110-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures, on or before **May 25, 2004**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-110-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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